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OPINION LETTER NO. 29-2015

The Honorable Jason Kander Missouri Secretary of State James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center 600 West Main Street Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated March 4, 2015, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition submitted by Michael Dean (2016-0032).

We conclude that the petition must be rejected for at least the following reasons:

- The petition is not in the form prescribed by § 116.040, RSMo.
- The petition does not contain "all matter which is to be deleted included in its proper place enclosed in brackets and all new matter shown underlined" as required pursuant to § 116.050, RSMo.

Because of our rejection of the form of the petition for the reasons stated above, we have not reviewed the petition to determine if additional deficiencies exist. Pursuant to § 116.332.4, RSMo, the Secretary of State is authorized to

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review this opinion and "make a final decision as to the approval or rejection of the form of the petition."

Very truly yours,

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